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AUSTRALIA 97 FOR 5

WARD'S COURAGEOUS INNINGS

WICKET RAPIDLY IMPROVING

Commencing the day with three runs on the board for the loss of one wicket, Australia were 62 for 3 at lunch in the third Test. Shortly afterwards, however, another message came in to the effect that the score was then 97 for 5—221 runs ahead of England.

Ward, a tail-end, played a courageous innings for his 18 runs, scored out of 38 in 68 minutes, defending stubbornly to gain valuable time on a wicket which was showing signs of rapid improvement.

Melbourne, To-day.

A crowd of 4,000 were present in cloudy and bleak weather. The wicket has vastly improved, but is probably still capable of eccentricities.

Voice started a day of thrills when he dismissed Fleetwood-Smith with the third ball of the day, the Australian left-hand googly bowler playing a protective stroke to a high-kicking delivery and being caught by Verity at backward point. 3—2—0.

Although the Englishmen were on their toes in the field, the score steadily increased, both batsmen striving desperately to survive the critical period before lunch.

The pair added 32 runs before Ward was caught by Hardstaff at deep mid-off, Verity being the successful bowler. 38—3—18.

Ward, who was attempting a big hit, had played a courageous innings lasting 68 minutes.

Brown then joined Rigg and the 50 was hoisted after 88 minutes, the weather then being overcast. The pair were together at the lunch interval, which was taken with the score at 62 for 3. Rigg being 27 and Brown 13.

A later message stated that Australia were 97 for 5.—Reuter.

He will come down to Canton in the course of the next few days to direct the national defence of South China, and assume his post concurrently as the Director of the Whampoa Headquarters. — Our Own Correspondent.

GEN. HO COMING SOUTH

Canton, To-day.—General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, has cabled to Loh Chuk-ying, Commander of the 18th Army, that

DESPERATE SITUATION IN MADRID

POPULATION AT MERCY OF RED RULERS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Salamanca, To-day.

The desperate situation now prevailing in Madrid is described in an eye-witness's report by a Red Militiaman who deserted to the Nationalists.

The deserter declares that the respectable section of the Madrid population are absolutely at the mercy of their Red rulers, who are employing every form of chicanery.

During an air raid alarm only such persons are permitted to seek refuge in the stations and tunnels of the underground railways who are in possession of special permits issued by the Red authorities.

Such permits, however, according to the Red deserter, are only granted to persons who have gained the Red rulers' favours by the payment of bribes, and those who cannot afford to spend money on this privilege are forced to seek shelter in the cellars of their houses, which naturally afford insufficient protection.

The foreign criminal elements which have congregated in the capital are stated to be virtual masters of the streets and environs.



Their Majesties the King and Queen, then the Duke and Duchess of York, are here shown in this radiophoto from London as they entered their car outside their Piccadilly home accompanied by the cheer of sympathizers who had gathered in the crisis last month.

MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

TEXT OF ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT

DECLARATION NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER POWER

London, To-day.
Saturday by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Drummond, concerning assurances with regard to the Mediterranean, reads as follows:

"His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom and the Italian Government, animated by a desire to contribute increasingly to the interests of a better and general peace and the security and betterment of relations between them, and between all Mediterranean Powers, are resolved to respect the rights and the interests of those Powers, recognizing that freedom of entry and exit and transit through the Mediterranean is of vital interest both to the different parts of the British Empire and to Italy, and that these interests are in no wise inconsistent with each other."

"The British and Italian Governments disclaim any desire to modify or, as far as they are concerned, to see modified, the present status quo regarding national sovereignty of territory in the Mediterranean area."

"Both parties undertake to respect each other's rights and interests in the said area and agree to use their best endeavours to discourage any activities which are liable to impair the good relations, which it is the object of the present declaration to consolidate."

"This declaration is designed to further the ends of peace and is not directed against any other Power."

"The text also published the notes exchanged in Rome on December 31, 1936, between the British Ambassador and the Italian Foreign Minister, in which Count Ciano confirmed, as far as Italy was concerned, that the integrity of the present territories in Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unmodified.—Reuter."

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FRENCH PLANE SHOT DOWN

MYSTERY SOLVED BY REFUGEE

EXECUTION PHOTOGRAPHS BEING CARRIED

Paris, To-day.

The mystery surrounding the alleged shooting-down of an aeroplane belonging to the French Embassy at Madrid, as it was departing from the City, has been cleared up by a statement made by a Spanish refugee physician to the *Echo de Paris*.

In addition to the pilot, the plane was carrying the representative of the International Red Cross M. de Hery, who a few days before had succeeded in obtaining photographs of the mass execution of 1,500 Spanish ex-Army officers who had been "lured" to the Ministry of the Interior on the pretext that their pensions were to be adjusted and paid.

Once there they were massacred. According to statements in Ocean Service,

the newspaper, De Hery had photographs in his possession when leaving and, in order to prevent them from reaching a foreign country, the Red Authorities gave orders to shoot the plane down.

De Hery survived the crash of the plane, according to French press reports, but no news of him has been received since.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DANGER OF CLASH WITH GERMANY

NO SUBMISSION TO PRESSURE

GERMAN ADMIRAL'S NOTE IGNORED

Valencia, To-day.

In the face of the "extraordinary gravity" of the situation caused by German warships seizing Spanish vessels, the Spanish Government has decided to "take necessary diplomatic steps," says an official communiqué.

After referring to a radio message from the German Admiral commanding in Spanish waters, in which it is stated the s.s. Aragon will be released when the passengers and the cargo of the German vessel s.s. Palos are given up, the communiqué says that the Government has decided not to submit to the German Admiral's pressure, and will not even reply to his message, which is couched in terms improper for communication with the Government of a sovereign state.

"In the face of these events the Spanish Government's view that the danger of a clash is increasing appears to be fully confirmed if the causes of these disputes are not speedily removed, and the Government fears that the consequences may be irreparable."

Madrid: The British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, together with the British Military Attaché and the Embassy staff, left yesterday morning for Valencia, where the British Embassy in Spain will henceforth function. The Vice-Consul will remain in Madrid in the meantime.

Berlin: According to a communiqué issued by the German News Agency here yesterday, the Spanish steamer Aragon will not be released until the arrested passenger of the Palos is free and the confiscated part of the cargo is returned.

Meanwhile the entire German Press continues to voice the greatest indignation for the alleged anti-German acts committed by the Government forces in Spain and calls for severe reprisals by the German Government.

Gibraltar: According to unconfirmed reports received here, over 5,000 Italian troops have landed at Cadiz during the past three days from Italian warships. They immediately entrained for Seville, halting at Jerez en route, where they received an enthusiastic welcome from the rebel authorities, being lavishly entertained before proceeding on their journey.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

MR. G. H. POTTS PASSES

FATHER OF THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE"

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of Mr. George Button Potts, Chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, who passed away at Swatow this morning following a chill caught while out on a shooting trip and which unfortunately developed into pleurisy.

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Shareholders' Association have suspended business to-day as a mark of respect.

On Wednesday last, in response to a telegram, Dr. G. D. R. Black and a nurse went up to Swatow to attend the late Mr. Potts, while Professor Gerrard, of the Hong Kong University, followed later. Mr. Potts' son Jack, on learning of his father's serious condition, also proceeded to Swatow.

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FEARLESS UNTO DEATH"

SGT. SLATER LAID TO REST

Shanghai, To-day.

A hero's funeral was given the late Sergeant E. M. Slater, of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force, who was killed by Chinese gangsters following a raid on New Year's Eve. The funeral was one of the

RED SETBACKS IN SPAIN

Southern Nationalist Army Continues Advance

NEW COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Salamanca, To-day.

The troops of the Southern Nationalist Army have continued their advance and yesterday occupied the town of Abeynear to establish communications between Pamplona and Valencia.

In the Vizcaya de Granada sector, the Nationalist cavalry detachment from Cogolllos Vega, in the province of Granada, made a surprise attack on the Reds and captured a considerable amount of war material.

In the Coria sector troops of the second Nationalist brigade successfully repulsed a Red counter-attack, disabling two tanks by accurate gunfire.

The attacking Reds are stated to have suffered serious casualties. The Sixth Nationalist Division repelled an attack made by Reds in the northern part of the province of Burgos and inflicted great losses on the latter, while the Nationalist Air Force contributed towards the success of the Southern Army by engaging in an action fought in the vicinity of Vitoria, where the Reds were likewise defeated.—Trans-Ocean Service.

most impressive and one of the biggest attended for many months.

A thousand members from the Shanghai Municipal Police, the French Police and the British Military units marched in the procession route, which was lined by immense silent crowds, prominent among the official mourners being the British Consul-General, Sir John Breman, and Lady Breman.

Six Canadian comrades of the deceased acted as the pallbearers.

A Chinese Police Detachment carried a large white bier inscribed with the words "Fearless unto death" in English and in Chinese. Reuter.

Sporting Page

NORTHERN CRITICISM OF ENGLAND F.A. TEAM SELECTORS

AUSTRALIA LOOK SET FOR VICTORY BATTLE OF WITS BETWEEN ALLEN AND BRADMAN BRILLIANT LOCAL BOWLING FEATS

(By "Adrem")

THE Third Test match at Melbourne has apparently developed into a battle of wits between G. O. Allen and Don Bradman. The latter won the toss and elected to bat on a soft wicket in sunny weather that gave promise of being of assistance later on to spin bowlers. This must have been most apparent as Bradman, on McCormick's injury recurring, brought Sievers back into the side and actually fielded an eleven with no bowler faster than McCabe.

Following several delays on account of rain, Australia declared with their total at 200 for nine, McCabe and Fingleton being the only batsmen to do anything of note. England batted on what was evidently a "brute" of a wicket and the opposition slow bowlers played such havoc with them that nine wickets fell for only 76 runs. Sievers and O'Reilly took 5 for 21 and 3 for 28 respectively. Allen then declared in the hope of capturing a few quick wickets before stumps were drawn, but Bradman sent in his tail-enders to lose only O'Reilly.

PROMISING INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

Navy Produce New "Find"

PLAYERS TO MEET WASEDA UNIVERSITY SELECTED

(By "ADREM")

The Men's Interport hockey trial at King's Park yesterday morning was very fast throughout and was featured by some exceptionally fine forward movements in the first-half, when Colours entirely dominated the play.

The Navy produced a "dark horse" in the person of Lt. Thornhill, and so well did he play that he has been awarded a place in the Interport side.

FANLING HUNT CLUB'S MEET

Large Attendance

Colours were on the attack from the outset, and shortly after the commencement Thornhill shot at goal and Cox had the misfortune to deflect the ball into the net. Shortly after, Donald, on the right-wing, made a brilliant run and centred beautifully for Thornhill to net with a brilliant first-timer. From the bully-off, a short-passing movement between the inside forwards resulted in Pyara Singh scoring a fine goal to place Colours three goals up. Thornhill added the fourth, due to another deflection by Cox, and shortly after Wraith scored White's first point. At the interval, Colours had a 4 goals to 1 lead.

Probables Outshone

Several positional changes were then made, and the second half proved to be far more even. Wraith scoring the only goal shortly before the finish.

The Probable forward line was completely outshone by the opposition attack, led in an able manner by Pyara Singh. Thornhill and Holdsworth were especially prominent on the left-wing and were much better than the highly fancied Niran Singh — Partab Singh.

Pyara Singh Shines

Pyara Singh was much better than Wright, while there was not much to choose between the right-wingers, both Fowler and Donald displaying fine turns of speed and good centering, although the former was rather inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

Both intermediate lines indulged in robust rather than skilful tactics, but W. A. Reed, though not so good as usual, fed his forwards with some nice passes. Gough



Miss Iris Woolley, left, gave a fine exhibition in last Saturday's Ladies' Interport hockey trial and stands a good chance of making the Colony Interport team. Miss Marion Bryson, right, the former Colony and C.R.A. Ladies' centre-half, will be badly missed in the pivotal position. She is at present in England.

YACHTING

Navy Beat Club In All-Day Event

BUT CIVILIANS STILL HOLD LEAD

Yesterday's all-day event between the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Royal Navy resulted in the Navy scoring 82 points, 49 in the morning and 33 in the afternoon, while the Yacht Club scored 76 points, 30 in the morning and 46 in the afternoon.

In the previous match the Yacht Club led by 87 points to 69, so, over the two days, they still lead by 163 points to 151.

Rear Admiral C. G. Sedgwick was officer of the day and Chief Yeoman of Signals F. J. Jones was official time keeper.

Morning Race

The course of the morning race over a distance of 6 miles was: Club Line West to East, Quarry Bay Mark (P), Holts Wharf Mark (S), North Mark on Line (P), Tamar Line.

R.H.K.Y.C.
Yacht Helmsman Observer Pts.
Y1 M. L. de Ville, Lt-Cmdr. W. H. Graves 9
A4 S. C. Manning, Lt. R. M. E. Pain 3
A2 H. S. Rouse, Rear Adm. C. G. Sedgwick 11
A1 N. V. A. Croucher, Lt-Cmdr. E. L. Woodhall 10
A10 H. J. Pearce, Lt. C. S. F. Robinson 2
A12 J. R. Bergne-Copeland, Cmdr. G. Barnard 1

Total 30
Royal Navy 13
A5 Cmdr. D. P. Cather, C. C. Blake 6
A7 Lt. R. T. Gardiner, D. Allan 10
A9 Midshipm. G. F. Russell, J. Johnsen 7
A11 Mid. Moore, E. Cock 8
A14 Lt. J. E. Moore, T. C. Fairburn 5

Total 49
Afternoon Race

Preparatory Gun 14.55, Starting Gun 15.00.

The course over a distance of 5.2 miles was: Tamar Line West to East, Holts Wharf Mark (S), Channel Rocks Mark (S), Club Line (S).

Royal Navy
Yacht Helmsman Observer Pts.
Y1 Lt-Cmdr. W. H. Graves, M. L. de Ville 13
A4 Lt. R. M. E. Pain, S. C. Manning 6
A2 Rear Admiral C. G. Sedgwick, H. S. Rouse 7
A1 Lt-Cmdr. E. L. Woodhall, N. V. A. Croucher 3
A10 Lt. C. S. F. Robinson, H. J. Pearce 4
A12 Cmdr. G. Barnard, J. R. Bergne-Copeland 1

Morning Race 49
Previous Points 63
Afternoon Race 33

Totals 151

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Yacht Helmsman Observer Pts.
Y2 C. T. Davis, Lt. W. A. Stewart 11
A5 C. C. Blake, Cmdr. D. P. Cather 9
A7 D. Allan, Lt. R. T. Gardiner 6
A9 J. Johnson, Mid. G. F. Russell 8
A11 E. Cock, Mid. Moore 2
A14 Lt. C. Fairburn, Lt. J. E. Moore 3

Morning Race 20
Previous Points 27
Afternoon Race 45

Total 163

"VERDICTS"

CHAN TAK-FAI FAILS WITH VITAL SHOT

Sandford Injured In Last Game

NAVY SHOULD WIN SECOND DIVISION

(By "BOVER")

Weakened through the absence of Wilson, Fleming, Drown and Hynes, the Club's senior team cut a sorry picture in their Senior League encounter against the East Lancs. on Saturday and were beaten by three clear goals.

From the players promoted to the senior team only Millington was of any real use to the team. P. Wilson, who played on the left wing, was fast, but he was very poor at centering.

Sandford, the East Lancs. inside-right, who played his last game on Saturday, was the source of most worry, until he was injured following a collision with Hill.

Improving Every Game

Bowen, the Kowloon left-back, is improving with every game and was largely responsible for Kowloon sharing the points with Eastern. His robust tackling had an unsettling effect on the Eastern forwards.

Chan Bing-to, Eastern's right-winger, was in the best of form last Saturday; had the inside forwards been up with him several goals might have been scored. As it was, only Chan Yue-tung was up with him, and he had hard luck on two occasions.

No Forward Line

The Police have not yet been able to find a good forward line and this is the main reason for their lowly position in the table. Manning, in goal, played well, and so did Britain, who played in place of Bone, at left-back.

The Fusiliers were unlucky not to secure both points from South China "B", though they had most of the game. Talbot has regained some of his old form and on Saturday was seen in many fine movements, though he was not fully supported.

The game was marred by a display of temper and two or three players had to be cautioned. The Chinese equalised through a penalty, and Chan Tak-fai should have placed his side in the lead soon after, but he missed a "sitter" in the closing minutes of the game.

It is evident that the Navy are bent on winning the Second Division again this season. The team has not been changed, in

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MEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH GAME

SOUTH AMATEURS GET TOO MANY CAPS

PROFESSIONALS PASSED OVER

London, December 9.

THERE has long been dissatisfaction in the North with the results achieved by the England team in the international championship and in matches abroad. It is felt that these do not reflect the true merits of English professional football, which has many more experienced players at its command than any of the countries it meets.

Consequently, there is general support among Football League clubs for the proposal to be debated on Monday by the F. A. Council that the International Selection Committee shall be overhauled. That is why the North would like to see carried the proposal of Mr. W. W. Heard, of Middlesex, that a special amateur international selection committee shall be appointed to look after the amateurs' interests.

It is felt that, if this happens, choice of the professional teams will be left in the hands of the five Football League Management Committee members who are F. A. selectors — Messrs. F. W. Binder, C. E. Sutcliffe, W. C. Cuff, W. I. Bassett, and P. Bach — and this would bring team building virtually into the same hands.

Of 47 county associations, 24 have notified Mr. Heard of their support and 17 have not yet replied. The Selection Committee, however, oppose the change. They have underlined one of their objections and say the new plan "might tend to create a fissure in the structure of the F. A. Council, a result to be averted at all costs."

Where Is It?

Where is this earthquake? Surely this change is not regarded as the thin end of a wedge between amateur and professional football, when all these amateur associations want it and the main body of the Football League clubs as well.

The Selection Committee point out in their circular how well their amateur teams have fared in the last 15 matches, but the North is looking at the last 15 professional results — eight wins and six defeats, including two losses to Wales and others abroad to Belgium, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Further, England's record in the international championship since the war is inferior to that of Scotland and Wales, the title in the last 17 seasons having been won seven times by Scotland, five times by Wales and only twice by England, who, however, have three times shared the honour with Scotland.

Out Of Touch

In a word, the North takes the view that the Selection Committee of 11 (plus two ex-officio carriers) contains too many men out of touch with professional football.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. beat Asiatic Petroleum Co. after a tie. On this occasion, it was decided, if necessary, to decide the match by the number of goals difference, and it was found necessary.

Butterfield and Swire's beat Standard Vacuum Oil Co. Captain's Cup (2nd Round) — G. S. Chamber (20) beat D. L. Probert (12) at the 19th.

A. V. Greaves (20) beat G. A. Stewart (15) 7 and 6.

SHANGHAI'S BIG RUGBY LOSS

Slain Policeman Was Star Threequarter

Shanghai Rugby suffered a very severe loss through the death of Sergeant E. M. Slater, the former holder of the Olympic and Empire Games titles, who was shot dead by Chinese gangsters following a raid on an office.

Slater played for the Shanghai Rugby Football Club against the visiting Meiji University fifteen on Christmas Day, when he came



W. A. Reed, above, probably the finest and most consistent hockey player in the Colony, has been selected for the pivot position in the Colony team to meet the Waseda University team.

BADMINTON TO BE RESUMED THIS EVENING

CHINESE "Y" DEBUT IN "A" DIVISION

S. A. RUMJAH WILL PLAY FOR V.R.C.

The Men's Doubles Badminton League will be resumed to-night, when the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have recently been promoted to the "A" Division, entertain Club de Recreio "B" at Bridges Street. The Chinese "Y" have proved themselves a formidable combination in the "B" Division, but will be severely tested in to-night's match.

The University's "A" and "B" teams will make their debut in the League this season by entertaining St. Andrew's "A" and visiting Recreio "A" respectively. The "A" team will, undoubtedly, beat St. Andrew's "A", but the holders of the championship should beat the "B" team at King's Park.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese Recreation Club are hosts to the Free Lances, who will probably just manage to win three games.

Junior Division
Three fixtures will be decided in the "B" Division. Kowloon Tong "A" are guests to their "B" team and should win easily, while St. John's will suffer another defeat when they encounter King's College at Bonham Road.

The Victoria Recreation Club, who have been steadily improving, should be able to beat St. Andrew's "B" at the latter's Church Hall. S. A. Rumjahn, who has not yet turned out for the V.R.C. this season, will be playing to-night.

The following are the University teams:

University "A": K. S. Liew and P. K. Chen; T. C. Lee and C. H. Soon; and P. E. Tan and P. K. Hin.

University "B": K. L. Hui and K. L. Tong; S. C. Ty and K. S. Lim; A. K. Phang and M. P. Tong or H. P. Ong.

TONIGHT'S MATCHES
"A" Division
University "A" v. St. Andrew's "A"
Recro "A" v. University "B"
C.R.C. v. Free Lances
Chinese "Y" v. Recreio "B"

"B" Division
K. Tong "B" v. K. Tong "A"
King's College v. St. John's V.R.C.

ARMY DEFEAT K.C.C. AT CRICKET

Lt. Murphy Six Short Of Century

At Cor's Path yesterday, the Army trounced the Kowloon Cricket Club by 121 runs in their friendly one-day cricket match, the feature of the encounter being the fine knock of 94 by Lt. Murphy, which included 12 boundaries and a six, while C. S. M. Elvin also played an important part in their win scoring 40, including six boundaries and taking six K.C.C. wickets for 26 runs.

Army — 208 for 7 dec. (C. S. M. Elvin 40, Lt. Murphy 94, Lt. C. C. Garthwaite 29 not out, B. D. Lay 5 for 53). K.C.C. — 87. (M. A. E. Mackay 26, C. S. M. Elvin 6 for 24, Lt. Pritchard 2 for 13, Lt. Garthwaite 2 for 21).



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FOOTBALL MATCH TO-DAY

Referees Meet Press At Sookunpo

An interesting soccer match will be held on the Sookunpo military football ground to-day, by kind permission of the H. K. Area Sports Board, between the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association and the European Press, kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

The following are the teams:—
H. K. Referees—E. G. Isley; T. Payne and E. Richardson; Sergt. Osborne, S. MacCormac and D. W. Ellis; A. E. Clark, H. Richards, T. Casson, P. E. Jones and H. T. Smythe.
European Press—A. N. Other; (Goalkeeper); R. Goldman (China Mail) (Right-back) and C. W. Giffen (S.C. Morning Post) (Left-back); S. Howett (H.K. Daily Press) (Right-half); A. M. O'Neil (S.C. Morning Post) (Centre-half) and A. R. Marks (H.K. Daily Press) (Left-half); N. A. E. Mackay (China Mail) (Right-wing), G. C. Burnett (China Mail) (Inside-right); M. R. Abbas (S.C. Morning Post) (Centre-forward); S. A. Gray (H.K. Telegraph) (Inside-left) and J. Marques (H.K. Daily Press) (Left-wing).

LEO PHILLIPS FOR AMERICA

Leo Phillips, the Birmingham welter-weight, has been offered two fights in America by Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the Madison Square Garden matchmaker, and is to sail for the States in the New Year.

"VERDICTS"

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Frayed Temps

spite of the movements of ships. Spencer, Stone and Johnson are good enough for the senior team, but they have not been promoted yet.

K Juniors Improve

The Kowloon Juniors have been doing well recently and their decisive win over Eastern does not really give them full credit for their superiority. Bettie is in fine shooting form while Hardcourt, in the pivotal position, distributed well.

The Club did well to hold the East Lancs to a solitary goal at the interval in their Second Division match, but they collapsed after to concede three more goals. Stevens, in goal, gave a good performance and Milne was the only dangerous Club forward.

Kenegan On Hop

Manshipp, the Fusiliers' Third Division goalkeeper, is one of the most promising players in the Junior Division. He showed good anticipation in dealing with shots from the Medics last Saturday. Kenegan seems to have fully recovered from his injury and appears to have regained all his former confidence. He is now the mainstay of the Fusiliers' defence in the Third Division.

Leyman did well to beat the Engineers by three clear goals. The latter were weakened by the absence of Howlett and Boyling. Langworth and Percival, two newcomers, were largely responsible for the gunners' win.



SOUTH CHINA SURPRISED BY ST. JOSEPH'S

Lee Wai-tong Held
By Russian

RIFLES TAKE LEAD IN RACE
FOR PREMIER TITLE

South China "A" received an other setback in their quest for the First Division Football Championship when they were defeated at Sookunpo by St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three in a game that was featured by robust tackling.

The Chinese were without Lee Ting-sang, Tam Kong-pak and Fung King-cheong, but Lee Wai-tong turned out for them.

O. M. Omar played on the right wing for the Saints, while G. White, formerly of Kowloon, filled the inside-right berth.

Hussain, the Saints' pivot, played a great game, holding Lee Wai-tong in check throughout. Lai Shui Wing, was as usual, very tricky, but he received little or no support from Tsu Kyai-shing.

Marques Expects

The good goal-keeping of Marques for the Saints was the outstanding feature of the game. He showed rare anticipation in leaving his charge and, though kept busy, played very well.

Hagan contributed to his team's success by playing a fourth half game and in the latter stages was seldom seen up with the forwards. He was content when he had the ball to clear to the wingers or to Leonard.

The Saints took the lead through Leonard, who received a neat centre from Omar, but not long after Lai Shui-wing equalised with a header. Marques placed the ball into the net while the Chinese were appealing for a goal-kick.

Rifles Take Lead

The Rifles advanced to the head of the First Division table by defeating the Athletic by the odd goal in three at Caroline Hill.

The Chinese were re-inforced by the inclusion of Tang Kwong-sum, who had been transferred from the Kowloon Chinese. The Rifles took some time to settle down and Campbell Ferguson and Moore were the outstanding players in their team.

The outstanding player in the Chinese team was Tang Kwong-sum, in the outside-right position. He centred well and was the cause of most anxiety to the soldiers.

The Chinese took the lead through Cheong Moon-wing, but the Rifles equalised soon after through Moore. In the second half Tam Kwan-kon defected Steven's spot kick for a corner and Miller scored from the centre.



dismayed and skittled out the Indians for only 35 runs to win a thrilling encounter. Some amazing bowling analyses were returned.

For the L.R.C., A. M. Bum-jahn took 6 for 21 and Baker had 3 for 18, while Cpl. Apps (6 for 14) and Spr. Bradford (4 for 17) bowled unchanged. The only two batsmen on both sides to register double figures were Bdr. Baker and Bdr. Bancroft.

The game between the Navy seconds and the Police provided a most exciting finish, the latter just succeeding in passing their opponents' score before time. E.R.A. Trippi played a fine innings for the losers and scored 74 before being dismissed. E. G. Baker maintained his consistent form to capture 4 wickets for 29 runs.

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DECREE SET ASIDE

Reconciled After Divorce

CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT

London: The reconciliation of a man and wife after a divorce petition was mentioned in the Divorce Court last month.

Mr. Philip Keith Saunders, formerly of Tettenhall-road, Wolverhampton, asked for the rescission of the decree granted in January to his wife, Mrs. Edith de Smidt Saunders, whose address was then given as Walmer, Kent.

Mr. Saunders said his wife returned to him immediately after obtaining the decree, "and had since been living with him."

Sir Boyd Merriman, the President: This is a rather curious case. I am doing nothing whatever to discourage this excellent application. I am glad to hear it, but the only technical difficulty is that the applicant was the respondent in the suit and is claiming to have the decree set aside. I have to be quite satisfied.

Mr. F. L. C. Hodson: The King's Proctor is satisfied. Sir Boyd Merriman: Does the wife consent?

Mr. Hodson said that she had instructed her solicitors to consent.

Sir Boyd Merriman, in rescinding the decree, congratulated Mr. Saunders.

NO MORE FRAYED COLLARS

Scientific Aid For Laundries

Promises that no more linen will be damaged at the laundry, and that shrunken collars will be things of the past, were made last month by speakers at the opening, by Sir William Bragg, of the new extension of the British Laundry Research Association's laboratories at Hendon.

The work of the association has gone far towards finding and curing the root-troubles of laundry damage.

Among improvements at the laboratory, resulting from years of research, are machines for testing the strength of fabrics before and after washing; machines for finding localised chemical damage; charts giving the correct temperatures of the washing-water and of the iron required for various fabrics.

Unsightly washmarks will disappear; already many laundries are using invisible ink for marking. These marks can only be seen under ultra-violet rays.

Many manufacturers, particularly those in wool and silk trades, are considering issuing "launderability" certificates, based on the tests laid down by the association.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Royal Waterboy

BACHA SAQO entered Kabul at the head of his triumphant rebel cohorts within a year after he left a Peshawar garage to head the insurrection against King Amanullah of Afghanistan. Bacha had been employed as a car washer and water peddler. The erstwhile menial crowned himself King of Afghanistan, on January 18, 1929, assuming the name of Habibullah. He established his throne room in the bathroom of the palace where the fixtures intrigued him greatly. His picturesque elevation lasted until October 22, 1929, on which day General Nadir Khan took over the crown of the country. Bacha was arrested and executed.

Your Daily Smile!

Old Jones looked cautiously round the door—and saw a burglar trying to open the safe in the corner. "Just wait here a minute will you?" asked Jones politely.

"Wot, and ave you 'phone the police?" retorted the burglar sarcastically.

"Oh, no," replied Jones. "I won't do that! I just want to call my wife. She'll be glad to meet you. She's heard you every night for the last 25 years."

Cleric Holds Baby.

The local vicar, besides being a very strong temperance advocate, was a

Here There and Everywhere.

FRAU SCHRATT'S "MARRIAGE"

Considerable amusement has been caused in German and Austrian circles in London by a statement made last month that "the late Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria was morganatically married to Frau Schratt."

This is quite incorrect. Frau Schratt, an actress at the Vienna Burg Theatre, became, when she was middle-aged, the confidante of the already elderly Emperor.

The Empress Elizabeth was on excellent terms with her and encouraged the friendship between them. There was not, however, any marriage between them after the death of the Empress.

Fran Schratt, who is over 90, still lives in a flat near Schoenbrunn and has refused huge sums from the American Press for her memoirs, which will, however, be published ten years after her death.

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HAPPY BETHLEHEM

From Bethlehem it was announced last month that the month-of-month carvers are working overtime, making special gifts which the troops intend to send home for Christmas. The garrison is the Camerounians. Their mechanical transport is parked in the courtyard of the Church of the Nativity.

Bethlehem must be one of the most comfortable towns in the world. It has no unemployment; many of the people own their own houses, and as most of them have relatives in the United States there are regular remittances from that source.

In addition big sums are spent every winter season by tourists and visitors to the Holy Places.

QUEEN MOTHER COMPLETELY RECOVERED

London, To-day.—The Queen Mother, who is still at Sandringham with Their Majesties the King and Queen, stated to have quite recovered from the cold which kept her indoors at Christmastime.—British Wireless Service.

ARE METEORITES ALIVE?

DO THEY COME BEARING BACTERIA?

INTERESTING CONTROVERSY

LAST YEAR Professor Charles B. Lipman, distinguished bacteriologist of the University of California, created something of a sensation by proclaiming that he had discovered bacteria in the hearts of meteorites which had hurtled into our atmosphere from outer space and buried themselves in the ground.

Dr. Michael A. Farrel of Yale and Dr. S. K. Roy of the Field Museum took him to task the one contending himself with a general criticism of technique and the other endeavouring to find bacteria in meteorites of the same falls from which Lipman's material came.

Recently Dr. Lipman rose before the Society for Research on Meteorites in Los Angeles to defend his claims.

"I wish to make it very clear and very emphatic," said indignant Dr. Lipman, "that my studies on the meteorites have no bearing whatever in the present state of our knowledge on the problem of the survival of bacteria in materials whose age is known exactly or approximately." By this he meant to divorce the researches on meteorites from others that led to his discovery of bacteria in anthracite coal.

Roy tried his best to imitate Lipman with similar meteoric material. Lipman objects that the specimens were too small—bits of meteoric stone of which the largest weighed only 8.6 grams or less than 125 grains. The smaller the mass studied the less the probability that it will contain microorganisms.

Lipman's smallest fragment weighed thirteen times as much as Roy's largest. So to Lipman it is not strange that Roy found no bacteria.

A Long Argument

Roy was well aware of the objection to small specimens. But he wanted only those which had an outer crust that prevented the entrance of bacteria from dust and air.

Lipman points out that Roy did not always test encrusted fragments of meteorites. "If a broken crust on a meteorite permits ingress of bacteria, as Roy claims, why should his specimens have

been exceptions to the rule?" asks the California professor.

Roy: Bacteria cannot survive in meteorites because they find there nothing to feed on.

Lipman: Such a statement certainly shows a lack of knowledge. Many forms of bacteria go into the spore state when conditions are unfavourable and remain quiescent indefinitely until the proper conditions for their growth supervene. I can furnish all the proof you want on that score.

Roy: Bacteria cannot live in solutions of rock powder or meteorite powder.

Lipman: Micro-organisms have been grown in unpromising solutions of barium chloride and saturated copper sulphate. And, mind you, these were vegetative growths, not mere spore survivals.

Roy: It has been proved that water with bacteria can seep through stony meteorites in contact with the earth.

Lipman: You have proved only that meteorites can take up water but not that they take up bacteria with the water.

Survival Unlikely

Roy: I have found no bacteria in certain pebbles, from which I conclude that the possibility of their surviving in stony meteorites is very small.

Lipman: My experience with the same pebbles does not bear out your claim of a close resemblance between their structure and that of stony meteorites. Stony meteorites are more porous.

Roy: I have confirmed my negative results by trying to grow bacteria in a culture medium of meteorite powder and distilled water. The bacteria that you found in meteorites must have come from the air of the operating chamber.

Lipman: You offer no proof in your paper of your negative results. Besides, my working conditions were at least as aseptic as yours.

And so the argument goes.

It has been pointed out that meteorites get white hot as they course through our air. This is a mere surface effect, according to

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



"KIDNAPPING PROFITABLE BUSINESS"

Statement In Court
By Unemployed

6-YEAR-OLD GIRL TAKEN TO UN LONG

"That he had been told by friends that kidnapping was a profitable business" was what Yuen Kau, unemployed, aged 17, told the Police after he had been arrested for kidnapping Chung Kung-sung, a 6-year-old girl, on December 29.

When charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Sub-Inspector Kirby said that the defendant formerly lived at No. 220 Hollywood Road with his aunt, who occupied a cubicle next to the girl's parents. He had known the little girl for about three years. Last Tuesday the defendant enticed the girl away early in the morning and took her across the harbour to Un Long, intending to sell her for \$20. There he met two Hakkas, women, to whom he offered the girl for sale. One offered him \$6 and the other \$3, but the defendant thought the prices were not good enough. He wandered about the district and later started to walk to Castle Peak with the girl. He had no money with him, but he boarded a bus for Kowloon and a kindly woman paid their fare to the Jordan Road Ferry. On arrival there the conductor handed them over to a constable as he thought they were in some kind of trouble, without any money, and they were taken to the Police Station.

The girl had been reported missing at about 5 p.m. that afternoon and all stations were circulated.



At a reception to Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, in New York City, James A. Farley, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, is here shown kissing the cardinal's ring after he had been presented to the distinguished visitor.

THE EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

First Section To Open In April

SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE

The flying-boat service between Britain and South Africa via Egypt will start on April 1 this year. It will be the first stage of the Empire air transport scheme, and will carry, without surcharge, all first-class mail of participating countries on the route.

The details were given in a note by Viscount Swinton, Secretary for Air, issued last month. This shows that in order to make provision for the operation of an air service between Egypt and South Africa during the period of the termination of the existing agreement and the commencement of the flying-boat service, it is proposed to extend the term of the existing agreement with Imperial Airways Limited from January 23 to March 31.

Subsidy Alterations

The provisions of that agreement have in practice since been modified in consequence of the taking over from Imperial Airways Ltd. as from April 1, 1936, of the section of the route between Johannesburg and Cape Town by South African Airways.

The adjustments rendered necessary on account of this change include a reduction in the rate of subsidy payable to Imperial Airways Ltd. from \$120,000 per annum to \$113,000 consequent on a reduction of \$7,000 in the annual rate of contribution made by the Government of the Union.

Under the proposed extension of the agreement subsidy will be paid in respect of the additional period from January 23 to March 31, 1937, at the existing rate — \$113,000 per annum.

Negotiation Advanced

Arrangements will also be made to enable the section of the route between Alexandria and Kisumu to be operated during the additional period either by landplanes as at present or by the new Empire flying-boats.

Negotiations are in progress with the Governments concerned with a view to securing concurrence in the proposed arrangement and continuation at the present rates of their contributions towards the service during the additional period.

In order to maintain the existing connection to West Africa it is also proposed to conclude a temporary subsidy agreement with Imperial Airways Ltd. for a service once weekly until March 31 for the carriage of passengers and mails between Khartoum and Lagos.

As the blow was not struck within the scope of Beale's employment or authority as the defendants' agent, the company are entitled to succeed.

COMPANY NOT LIABLE

Assault With Ticket Punch

Judgment for the defendants, with costs, was given by Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, in the King's Bench Division last month, in the Streatham Common assault case, in which a chair attendant was alleged to have knocked a man senseless with his ticket punch.

The plaintiff, Mr. William Edgar Davies, of Foulser-Road, Battersea, S.W., a commercial traveller, and a woman friend were occupying chairs on the Common when a ticket collector named Beale employed by the defendants, M. W. Shandley (Park Chairs No. 1) Ltd., came up and there was an argument, followed by the alleged assault.

The company denied liability, submitting that Beale, having become embroiled in a private dispute with Davies, was no longer acting as their servant, and they could not be held liable for his actions.

"I find as a fact," said Lord Hewart, "that at the time Mr. Davies was injured, Beale's work for the company had been com-



This electric welder, looking for all the world like a man from Mars, is working on one of the first all-steel welded homes which are being erected at Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

REPORT ON Z.B.W. FAILURE

Z.E.K. Used Until Repairs Made

The following statement on the Z.B.W. failure yesterday has been issued by the Postmaster General.

Owing to a defect in the low tension power supply to this transmitter, it was impossible to transmit the mid-day European

programme from Z.B.W. and the first part of the evening pro-

gramme yesterday.

Z.E.K. transmitted the usual mid-

day and afternoon Chinese pro-

gramme and was then used for the European programme until tem-

porary repairs were effected on

Z.E.W. and the transmitter brought

into use at about 9:35 p.m.

ZBW3 the short-wave transmis-

ter was not affected and broad-

cast the usual programme.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

OBITUARY

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It was stated yesterday that as Mr. Potts' condition had shown an improvement Dr. Black and the nurse were returning to Hong Kong.

Mrs. Potts and another son, returning to Hong Kong from Canada, left Shanghai last Thursday for Swatow.

51 YEARS IN COLONY
The late Mr. George Hutton Potts, who was popularly known as the "Father of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange," has been connected with Hong Kong for 51 years.

Mr. Potts was a Yorkshireman, being born at Bedale, on April 16, 1864. He was educated at Harrow School.

It was in 1885 that he first came to Hong Kong to join the firm of Russel and Co., remaining with them until their failure in 1900, when he went to Shanghai and opened the brokering firm of Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. In 1906 Mr. Kelly separated from this firm and established himself in Hong Kong. Six years later Mr. Potts returned from Shanghai and with his brother, Mr. P. C. Potts, settled down finally to brokering in Hong Kong under the firm name of Benjamin and Potts.

1894 PLAGUE OUTBREAK
Mr. Potts' memories go back to the first great outbreak of plague in 1894, when he was one of the band of volunteer workers who assisted the medical and sanitary authorities in cleaning up the infected areas. He was also one of the first Naval Volunteers, a body which came into being in the eighties, when Hong Kong was suffering from a Russian scare and anticipating an unfriendly visit from the Russian fleet.

In 1900, on the outbreak of the Boxer Rebellion in China, Mr. Potts, who was a member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Corps' Force, after volunteering for the South African War and having his services declined offered them to the military authorities here, who accepted them. Sent North, he was engaged on transport work under Major Ratcliffe and entered Peking with the British Force under General Gaselee. For his services he received a Captain's commission in the Regular Army, but resigned it on the subsidence of the rebellion and returned to brokering.

CAPTAIN IN H.K.V.D.C.
He maintained his connection, however, with the Hong Kong Volunteers, in which he held the rank of Captain. Mr. Potts saw two big reclamation schemes carried out on Hong Kong's waterfront and remembered well the days when the Praya was where Des Voeux Road now is and the Hong Kong Club was on the site of the present King's Theatre.

In his earlier years Mr. Potts was an all-round athlete, winning many honours for the high and broad jump and in the hurdles. He was also a devotee of Rugby Football and was for several years captain of the Hong Kong Football Club, which he instrumental in promoting. Last year he was elected a Life Member of the Hong Kong Football Club in recognition of his splendid services towards the Club's activities, both as a player and a Committee member, this marking the double jubilee of the Club and his association with it.

Rowing was another of his sporting activities and he stroked the victorious England crew in the local international contest, while at tennis he was runner-up in various championship contests and winner of many handicap events. He was for many years an owner of racing ponies and won many Derbys and Champions, both in Hong Kong and Shanghai with "The King's Stable."

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Mr. F. M. el Arcalli, who resigned from Newspaper Enterprise Ltd., has now joined the Hong Kong Daily Press.

The loss on New Year night of approximately \$400.00 in cash was reported at the Tai Po Tsui Police Station by Mr. P. S. Robertson, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Passenger Department. The money, contained in a black leather wallet, was lost between the hours of 9 and 10:30 p.m., and it is not known whether the wallet accidentally dropped from the pocket, or was lifted in the jostling of the crowd on the Star Ferry.

According to schedule, the s.s. Kidderpore is expected to arrive in the Colony on Friday next. She left Moji yesterday at 5 p.m.

Bell's Hippodrome Circus arrived in the Colony at 7 a.m. to-day by the s.s. Hupeh from Tientsin. The Circus, which will open next Friday, is under contract to Mr. Boroski of the Hong Kong Amusement Park at Wanchai.

The s.s. Sirdhana left Singapore last Thursday, and is expected to arrive in the Colony next Wednesday morning.

The s.s. Rawalpindi is due here with the English mails next Thursday at 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. line have chartered the local Douglas steamer "Haitan" for a trip to Manila in order that the passengers arriving here on the trans-Pacific liner Taiyo Maru will not have to wait in Hong Kong for over a fortnight before being able to proceed south.

The well-known French sculptor, M. Gaston Hauchecorne, arrived in Hong Kong on Friday on the N.Y.K. Fusimi Maru from Shanghai, where he had held a most successful exhibition of his works.

The Indian Company

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, Chinese Company

Commendation. Constable R36 Ho Lu Nam is commended and granted the commendation service bar by the Inspector General of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese male who was convicted for Larceny from Person.

Training Course — Part II

The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesday, January 5th 1937 at 17:30 hours for Part II of Training Course:

Constables E201 S. L. Bux,

E210 Abdullah Shah, E213 S. B.

Hussain, E216 Lal Khan, E236

M. S. Dillon, E207 Faiz Ali

Oppal, E206 Mohamed Ali Oppal, E225 Kasim Ali, E226 A. E.

Bazzack and E233 Jaffer Mo-

hammed.

Training Course — Part III

The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Wednesday, January 6th 1937 at 17:30 hours for Part III of Training Course:

Lance Sergeant E241 Sultan Khan, and Constables E205 Abd

ul Ghani, E223 Jaffer Moham

ed, E268 M. S. Vedi, E299 Ab

dul Shakoor, E228 Ayub Khan,

and E208 Mohamed Khan.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Riot Drill. A Riot Drill will be

carried out by members of the

Emergency Unit Reserve on Fri

day, January 8th 1937. All mem

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tional.

(Sgt.) C. CHAMPION;

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Hong Kong, Monday, January

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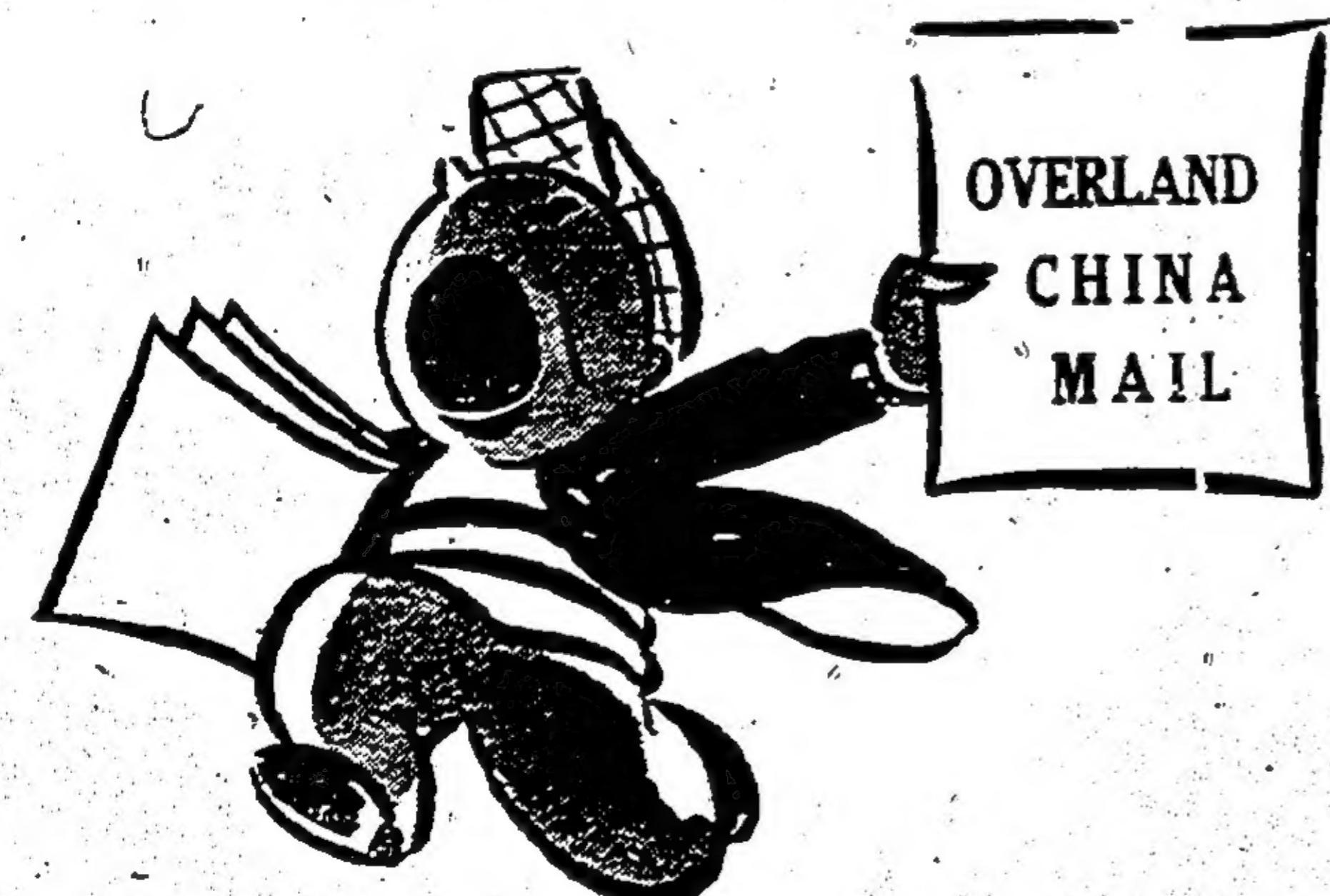
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RIZAL DAY

Filipino Community Celebrate

PENINSULA HOTEL FUNCTION

Rizal Day, the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal, was celebrated in customary manner by the local Filipino community at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, when a luncheon and dance were held. The gathering was presided over by Mr. R. Bassa, and a large number of people attended.

Mr. R. S. Castro, the Hon. Secretary of the Filipino Club, said the anniversary of the death of the great martyr actually fell on December 30, but the celebrations had been postponed in order to secure a larger attendance.

Mr. Bassa said Rizal Day was the first national holiday of the Filipino people to commemorate the emancipation of their country. The labour had borne fruit, and in a few years they would have reached their goal, thanks to the generous act of the United States Government.

Dancing was indulged in to music by the Cathay Orchestra and between the dances, variety items were contributed by several members of the community and guests.

The officers responsible for the function were: Executive Committee: Mr. R. Bassa (Chairman), Mr. R. Lasala (Vice-Chairman), Dr. V. N. Atienza (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. R. Grefaldo (Asst. Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. S. Castro (Hon. Secretary). Orchestra: Prof. F. Gonzalez. Decorations: Mr. J. B. Vargas. Reception: Mr. I. S. Castro.

Among those present were Mr. C. M. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. D'Almeida, Messrs. F. Carpio, S. D'Asis, F. Elizaga, J. Bramela, G. Gatchalian, L. R. Ildefonso; P. Y. Mayrina, L. Mercado, E. T. Porter, Mrs. J. Landolt, Miss Ray, Messrs. J. Silverio, D. Silverio, S. Tongon, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, Miss U. Leonard, Messrs. E. Alves, C. R. da Silva, M. A. da Silva, Mr. Seeto, Miss F. Seeto, Miss B. Seeto, Mr. G. D'Aquino, Mr. G. S. Angeles and Mr. Pompong Vila, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. P. Sowra, Mrs. V. N. Atienza, Mr. S. Palomique and Miss Betty Woo.



School children of Henry Ford's Greenfield Village greeted the auto magnate and Governor Alfred Landon with a ringing serenade when the Republican nominee visited in Detroit. Henry Ford, left, and Governor Landon are here shown as they smilingly accepted the children's tribute.

MOST WORRYING CASE

Lord Hewart Tells Of Experiences

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, at the annual dinner of the Association of Lancastrians at the Hotel Great Central last month, told the dramatic story of "the only case in my life that ever kept me awake."

He was referring to the "sack murder" trial at Liverpool Assizes in 1914, when a lad named Bell was sentenced to death and his young companion, named Eltoft, sent to penal servitude as an accessory. Lord Atkin of Aberdovey, now a Lord of Appeal, who was the judge at the trial, had recalled that Lord Hewart, then Mr. Gordon Hewart, K.C., prosecuted.

"It was the only case in my life in which I wrote out several times the first three sentences of my address to the jury," said Lord Hewart. "I knew that sooner or later I should have the terrible task of cross-examining these two lads."

Miss Gracie Fields was at the dinner. Lord Hewart announced that "Gracie" had become a member of the Association, and she then sang Lancastrian songs.

Why She Left The East.

ENGLISHWOMAN TELLS OF PENALTIES OF LIFE ABROAD.

"I have travelled over the greater part of the world," stated Mrs. M. Crowden, now residing at 40, Broad Oak-road, St. Helens, to a newspaper reporter. "My husband is a trainer of racehorses, and he has controlled stables on the Continent, in New Zealand, Australia and India.

"I was living in India for three years, and while there I contracted malaria fever, and for a while my life was despaired of. Although I recovered somewhat, the tropical climate was too much for me and I had to take Dr. Williams' pink pills, and I determined to England.

"After my return, however, I was subject to recurring attacks of the malaria and I dreaded the approach of symptoms foretelling an attack. I suffered from chills, my appetite went completely and the very sight of food was distasteful to me. This went on until I became almost a complete mental and physical wreck, and didn't even wish to live."

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NEW LINER BLOW INTO JETTY

Incident Follows Launching

SHIP HELD UP BY WIND AND TIDE

Barrow.

Directly the 23,500-ton Orient liner Orcades had skinned down the launching slip at Vickers-Armstrongs yard last month the wind, whipping up the Walney Channel, caught her broadside and forced her back towards the stocks writes a Home correspondent.

Half a dozen tugs which had been standing by quickly clustered round the liner, but the high wind made it extremely difficult to get hawsers to bear. For half an hour the Orcades was motionless against wind and tide, despite the efforts of the tugs.

Then she began to move forward, but the wind had freshened and the liner had to approach the baulks further along the waterfront in driving rain and gusts of over 40 miles an hour.

Despite the efforts of the tugs the stern slewed round into a railway jetty about 200 yards from the slipway, and carried away the outermost portion. No one was on the jetty at the time.

The Orcades was apparently undamaged. An hour elapsed before she was coaxed away from the bank and towed into a deep water basin.

White, Cream and Green Hull. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Geddes, wife of Mr. Irvine C. Geddes, chairman of Anderson, Green and Co. Ltd., managers of the Orient Line. The white, cream and green hull presented an attractive picture as it went down the slipway.

Speaking at the launching, Mr. Geddes referred to the "great drag" on eastern shipping imposed by Suez Canal dues.

Assuming that the Orcades spent her life in the Australian trade, and dues remained at their present level, she would pay, during her life, more in dues to the canal company than the Orient Company would pay to Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs for her construction.

"The Suez Canal dues, being based on gold, have," he said, "risen out of all proportion to other items, and the burden of transit through the Canal is now 50 per cent higher than pre-war in relation to other charges that we pay or receive, and this is in spite of repeated reductions in the nominal charge."

The Orcades, which is a sister ship to the Orion, is a twin screw turbine-driven vessel and has accommodation for 463 first-class passengers and 605 tourist passengers.

It is alleged that Harley was injured last December through a goods train, in which he was acting as guard, having to stop because of the presence on the line of hounds of the Blankney Hunt.

Messrs. Pattinson and Brewer, the London solicitors, were representing the guard.

In the current official list of non-jury actions the cause of action is set down as "trespass."

Amusements

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"MY MAN GODFREY" — QUEEN'S, ALHAMBRA AND STAR THEATRES

"My Man Godfrey" is a brilliant modern romantic comedy with humour and co-stars William Powell and Carole Lombard.

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William Powell portrays the role of a butler who does his best to baffle, in spite of bottles and battle-axes, for the craziest family in America. Carole Lombard, playing the part of the younger daughter, falls in love with him and proposes marriage. She won't take "No" for an answer. Her sister is the sort of girl who would stick pins in puppies just to hear them howl.

The mother of the maniac is slightly unhinged and the father is slightly dizzy from trying to straighten out all the members of his household.

Besides the stars, there are Alice Brady, Gail Patrick, Jean Dixon, Eugene Pallette, Alan Mowbray, Mischa Auer and Robert Light.

"My Man Godfrey" is taken from the novel of the same name by Eric Hatch. This well-known modern humorist wrote the screen play with Morris Byskind, noted writer of numerous screen hits.

ANNE BOLEYN'S LOVE LETTER

Withdrawal From Sale

HENRY VIII MISSIVE TO "MY DARLING"

Entering the rostrum at Christie's last month, Sir Alec Martin had regrettably to announce that the dossier of historical letters belonging to Capt. E. N. Loyd had to be withdrawn temporarily from public sale.

As this section contained the quaintly-spelt love-letter which Henry VIII wrote "to my mestres, Darlyng," Anne Boleyn, the company was much disappointed.

It is believed that with regard to this fascinating missive and to letters in the hands of Mary, Queen of Scots, and of Martin Luther, enquiries are to be instituted in some famous Continental libraries. Afterwards the letters held over will be duly submitted.

"The Most Happy"

Queen Victoria was always interested in the tragic story of Anne Boleyn, and saw to it that she should possess the silver-gilt clock which Henry presented to Anne on their wedding morning. The initials of the pair are chased on the weights of this, with true lovers' knots and the inscription "The Most Happy." Surmounting the timepiece sits the Lion with the Arms of England.

Queen Victoria ordered her agent to bid for the clock when Horace Walpole's varied treasures were dispersed in 1842 at Strawberry Hill. It was an auction bargain at 105 gns.

The chief book sold was an extra illustrated "Life of Henry VIII" by F. F. Tytler, 1860, including Holler's engraved portrait of Anne Boleyn and a miniature of Henry and his six wives. It realised \$115.

ARE METEORITES ALIVE?

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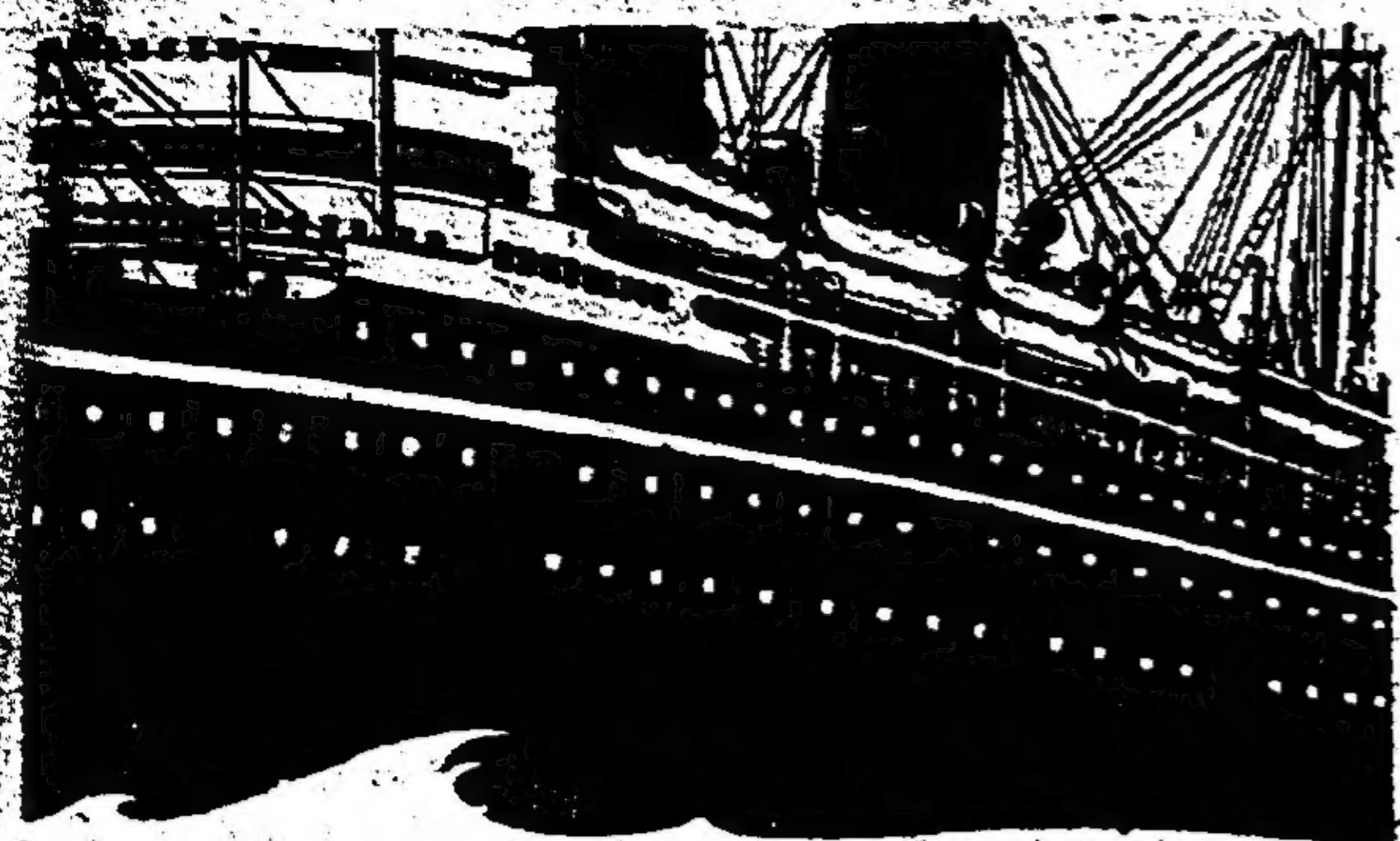
Lipman's geological advisers. He heated meteorites in a gas burner for twenty seconds to 1,500 degrees C. without being able to kill all the microorganisms within, and twenty seconds is ten times longer than most meteorites glow.

Lipman denies that he has been trying to prove that life may have reached the earth from outer space. "I never hinted at this or state it.... The origin of life on earth has nothing to do with the case. Some people can't keep from confusing distinct subjects." But if anybody wants to argue from his results that the earth is not the only living body in space Dr. Lipman is not the man to object.

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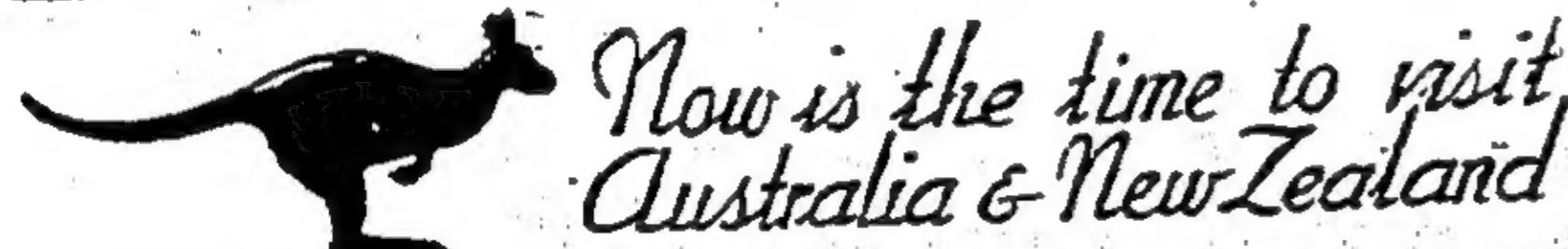
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1.40 p.m.—A Light Concert

2 p.m.—Hawaiian Music

2.15 p.m.—Close down

3.45 p.m.—European Programme

5 p.m.—A Relay of Dance Music from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof-Garden

6.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes

Wolga, Wolga! (Russian Waltz Pot-pourri). (Walter Noack).

Hydrophath Waltz (Joe Gung).

Greetings of Spring (Schwartz).

The Broken String.

The Swallow Waltz.

Russian Novelty Orchestra

6.45 p.m.—Songs by Almeida Gallego (soprano) and Stuart Robertson (bass-baritone).

Soprano Solo—

Serenata (Tosti).

Carceralas (Patriot Song), (Chapí).

Tenor Solo—

When dull care (Lane Wilson).

When lights go rolling (Ireland).

Soprano Solo—

Chanson Indone (Song of India)

(Rimsky-Korsakov).

Tenor Solo—

(a) The Mermaid.

(b) Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W.H.M.).

(c) Little Brown Jug.

(d) The Three Crows (Eastburn).

7.08 p.m.—Columbia Meister Orchestra.

Italian Folk Songs—Medley.

(d) Michelini).

Blauer Pavillon (Armeniada).

Främmende Glocken (Krome).

7.20 p.m.—Three Light Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.

1. Spanish Serenade.

2. The Child and his dancing doll (Jonny Heykens).

3. Daybreak (Reginald King).

7.30 p.m.—Closing local stock quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market report.

7.35 p.m.—Memories of Billy Mayerl and Jan Kleura.

Tenor Solo—

La Dame (Rossini, arr. Schlesinger).

Heute, nacht order nie!

Piano Solos—

Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories.

Tenor Solo—

You, me and love.

Piano Solo—

Billy Mayerl's own selection.

Tenor Solo—

I mean to say I love you.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Relay from the Po Hing Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m.—Close down

8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m.—Light Orchestra Music.

Lei Salimbanges—Overture (Louis Ganze).

The Juggler (Grotzsch).

March of the Caucasian Chief (Ippolito-Ivanov, arr. Finck).

Speak to me of love (Lenoir).

Poem (Flügel).

Serenade Passione (Silesia).

Fantome (Damidoff).

8.30 p.m.—The Fountain of Arthusa (Szymanowsky), Op. 30, by Joseph Szigeti (Violin).

8.33 p.m.—A Recital by Eva Turner (soprano).

"Aida" (Verdi)—

Ritorno Vincitor.

"La Gioconda" (Ponchielli)—

Suicide.

8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m.—London—The Third Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England.

An account of the third day's play by Alan Kippax. From Melbourne. (Electrical Recording).

9.30 p.m.—Variety.

Love (Wonderful Love).

Accordion Solo—

Woodland Flowers.

Viljo Vesterinen.

Vocal—

For me, for you..... Hildegard.

Accordion Band—

Six Hits of the day... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Song—

Do you remember my first love song?..... Gracie Fields.

10 p.m.—London—Pic Ben, "Timbre Magazine" No. 20. A weekly Review of Things at Home. Edited by Pascoe Thompson.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

For-Trot.



BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Trump Management

The trump suit is like a fortress sprawled across the card table. Behind it declarer mobilizes his forces and establishes his tricks. That is why the first concern of the defence against a low contract is the defence against the trump suit. Get them out of the way and the game can go on. Ignore them and declarer succeeds in his plans.

There are two ways of getting trumps out of the way. Leading them out, and forcing them out with side suits. The correct method against a high contract generally is to force them out, against a low contract to lead them out.

Note the devastating effect of the trump leads in to-day's hand, helped a little by weak play on declarer's part.

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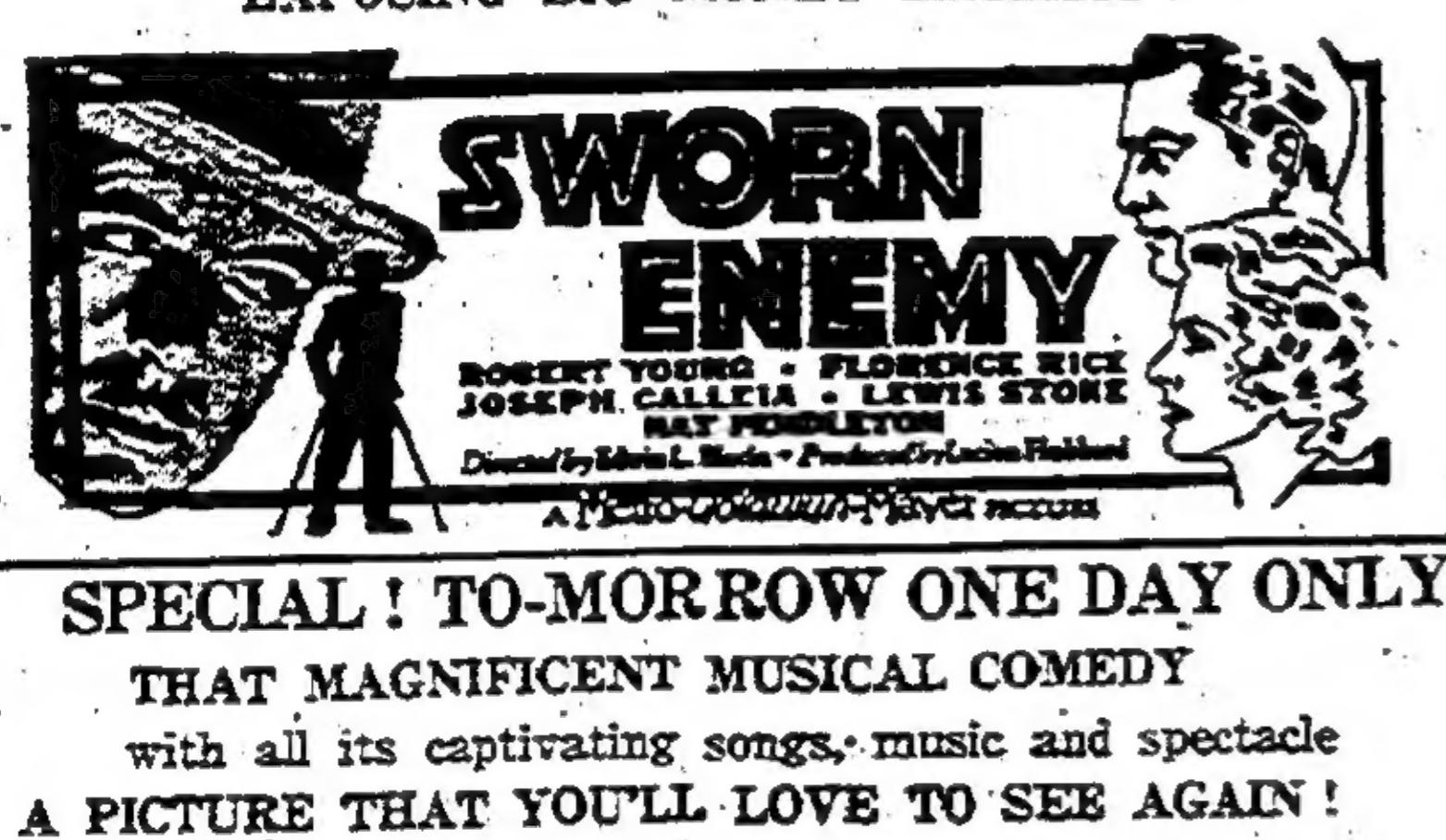
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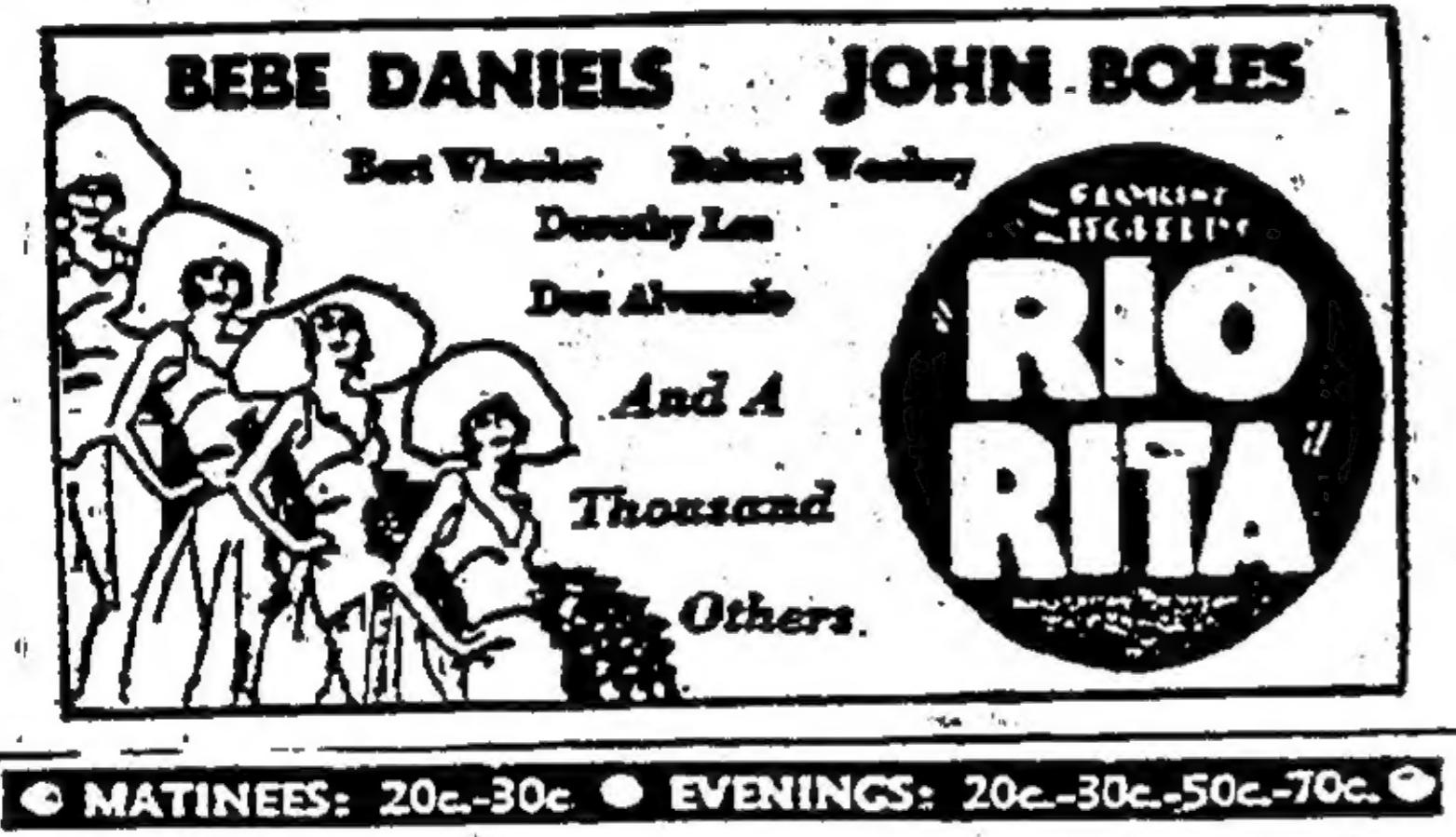


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"BLACK HILL" INCIDENT

British Protest To Burgos Authorities

London, To-day. The British Ambassador to Spain, who is at Hendaye, has been instructed to call the attention of the Burgos authorities to the incident in which the British steamship Black Hill, 2,492 tons, of Newcastle, was involved last Friday.

While on passage in ballast from Bayonne to Santander to load iron ore for the Tyne, the Black Hill was fired on by a trawler, reported to have been a Spanish insurgent vessel.

Sixteen shots were fired but all fell short and the Black Hill easily outdistanced her pursuer into Santander.

Sir Henry Chilton, in view of reports that the trawler belonged to the insurgent forces will protest to the authorities at Burgos against its action.—British Wireless Service.

PROTEST TO BE LODGED

London: The British Ambassador at Hendaye is reported to have been instructed to protest to the Burgos Junta regarding the shelling of the Black Hill.—Reuter.

ROYAL WEDDING

Many Visitors From Germany

The Hague, To-day.

Following the release of their passports, the family of the Duke of Mecklenburg and about 40 German Princesses and other nobles are expected here to-morrow for Crown Princess Julian's wedding to Prince Bernard Lippe-Biesterfeld next Thursday.

It is possible that Prince Bernard's mother, Princess Armgard, will be unable to attend the ceremony through ill-health.—Reuter.

"PRINCE OF NETHERLANDS"

Amsterdam: The title of "Prince of the Netherlands" is to be conferred upon Prince Bernard of Lippe-Biesterfeld in the near future by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, according to reports in Dutch newspapers.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LOVERS' ALLEGED SUICIDE PACT

Chemist To Face Trial

"WE WOULD GO TOGETHER"

"It appeared to be a suicide pact," said Mr. Vernon Lawrence, prosecuting at Bargedoe, Glamorgan, last month, when William John Thomas, 19, a chemist's assistant, was charged with the murder of Jeannette Florence Mary Roper, 16, a hairdresser's assistant. He was also accused of attempting to murder his wife.

The couple had been sweethearts for about four months.

Thomas was committed for trial on both charges and was granted legal aid. He pleaded not guilty, reserving his defence.

The girl was the daughter of a police-sergeant who, with the father of Thomas, went to the chemist's shop where Thomas was employed and found the couple on a settee. The girl was dead, and the young man, who was in a stupefied condition, recovered after treatment. On a table near the couple were two bottles marked "Poison."

Mr. Lawrence said that an analyst had come to the conclusion that Miss Roper's death was due to cyanide of potassium, and that a large dose of morphine had also been taken.

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The Queen Mother is here pictured in this radiophoto from London in her limousine, with the Countess of Athlone, left, going from her residence to Buckingham Palace last month. Just before her arrival and clearly heard by her, the crowd cheered King Edward in support of his declaration to marry Mrs. Simpson.

STATE COUNCIL TO MEET THIS MORNING

MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES

London: Notes exchanged in Rome on December 31 between Sir Eric Drummond and Count Ciano on the integrity of the present territories of Spain have now been made public.

The British Ambassador, in his note, begins by recalling the Commons' question and answer of December 16 on the guarantee given to the British Government by the Government of Italy concerning the Balearic Islands and cites Mr. Eden's account of the giving of assurances which he pointed out were verbal.

"His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in Rome, acting on instructions, informed the Italian Foreign Minister on September 12 that any alteration of status in the Western Mediterranean would be a matter of the closest concern to His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Eden continued that in taking note of this communication, the Italian Foreign Minister had assured Mr. Ingram that the Italian Government had not, either before or since the revolution in Spain, engaged in any negotiations with General Franco whereby the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be altered nor would they engage in any such negotiations in the future.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

Canton, To-day.—A three-year compulsory education plan has been announced by the Commissioner of Social Affairs at Canton. All children between the age of 8 to 12 will be forced to study in the Municipal Primary Schools for a period of three years.—Our Own Correspondent.

COASTAL DEFENCE OF KWANTUNG

INHERITANCE TAX NOW IN OPERATION

Canton, To-day.—The Nanking Government has announced that the Inheritance Tax will be adopted throughout the country, as from January 1.—Our Own Correspondent.

GENERALISSIMO AT FENGHUA

Canton, To-day.—Having been granted one month's leave of absence, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek left Nanking for Fenghua, his native district in Chekiang Province, on Saturday last at 8 a.m. to attend the funeral of his brother.—Our Own Correspondent.

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FRANCE HIGHLY PLEASED

London: According to news re-

ports reaching London the an-

nouncement of the signature in

Rome on Saturday of the Italian

and British declaration on the

Mediterranean has been welcomed

in all parts of Europe.

The French Foreign Minister,

M. Delbos, to whom the sub-

stance of the agreement was com-

municated yesterday through the

British Embassy in Paris, later

made a public statement in which

he expressed the delight of the

French Government and associ-

ed it with the effort for concilia-

tion and peace embodied in the

declaration.—British Wireless Ser-

vice.

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